

How glad I am that what the poor  
creatures have  
sung in sorrow  
is now proclaimed  
on the house-tops!

Mrs L. Maria Child  
Wayland  
17 Dec. 1861



Wayland, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1861.

Dear Friend Walcott,

The Tracts you gave me concerning The War Power for the Abolition of Slavery, have been put in circulation among the soldiers. I could make a similar use of ten or a dozen more, if you have them, and want them circulated. I am making up a box for the Kansas Brigade, or rather George L. Stearns is, and I am helping him fill it. I could put a few of the Tracts in, for the "Kansas boys" to circulate. I should like a few copies of my Patriarchal Institution very much, if I could procure them. I also want three copies of Linda, for which I will pay you when I next come down, unless I see Mrs. Jacobs, meanwhile, in which case I will pay her. These things you may

send, if you please, to Moore's Wayland Express, No 6 Court Square. If you have any of those envelopes with a Liberty Bell engraved on them, you may put in a package, and I will pay you when I come. Please mark the price on them.

I want to ask a favor of you. If the ladies have a Reception in January, as they at present intend, I shall need a gentleman friend near me to receive the money that may be handed to me, and make record of it in a book. Will you be so kind as to help me in that way? I found it difficult to do it myself, on account of people's coming up to be introduced.

This year, I think you will not find yourself hurried by the multiplicity of donations. There is every reason to suppose our receipts will be small.

Yours cordially,

L. Maria Child,

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